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Thos. Spight, Ripley, Miss. .... Moderator  
J. J. McKinstry, Blue Mountain, Miss. .... Clerk  
J. P. Byrd, Blue Mountain, Miss. .... Treasurer

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, Chairman  
Eld. E. B. Crump  
J. P. Byrd  
A. H. McAlister

Eld. W. T. Lowrey  
J. J. McKinstry  
J. A. Griffin  
G. W. Deen

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Organization.
- (2) Call for Petitionary Letters.
- (3) Invite visiting brethren to seats
- (4) Appoint committees.
- (5) Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
- (6) Select place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the sermon.
- (7) Appoint correspondents. (7) Call for Reports.
- (8) Elect Executive Board.
- (9) Miscellaneous business.
- (10) Call Roll of Delegates and mark absentees.



MINUTES OF THE  
ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE TIPPDAH COUNTY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Tippah Baptist Association in its 1921 session, delegates from the following Baptist churches of Tippah county met with the Ripley Baptist church for the purpose of organizing an association of the Baptist churches of Tippah county: Viz:

Chalybeate, Falkner, Fellowship, Harmony, Hunter's Chapel, Lebanon, Lowrey Memorial, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Olive, Oakland, Pleasant Ridge, Palmer, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove, Tiplersville.

Eld. W. T. Lowrey was elected temporary moderator, and J. J. McKinstry temporary clerk.

After the roll of the churches was called and delegates seated, the association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. This resulted in the election of Thos Spight, Moderator, J. McKinstry, Clerk and J. P. Byrd, Treasurer.

The present members of the Executive Board of the Tippah Association were elected as the executive board of the new association. The moderator was authorized to appoint two new members to take the places of Bro A. H. McAlister, deceased and Eld. E. B. Crump, who is not now a member of this association.

Ripley, Mt. Moriah, Palmer, Tiplersville and Lebanon presented cordial invitations for the association to meet with them next year. The invitation of the church at Tiplersville was accepted. Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1922 was fixed as the time for the meeting.

Rev. Harvey Grey was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and A. C. Anderson was appointed to raise funds to defray his expenses.

Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough was elected Superintendent of Woman's work. Eld. R. A. Kimbrough was elected to represent the association on the State Executive Board.

Eld. G. S. Jenkins was elected to preach the sermon at the next meeting of the association, with Eld. Harvey Grey, alternate.

On motion, the moderator was authorized to appoint a committee of three to draft constitution, rules of decorum, and articles of faith; this committee to report at next meeting of this body.

The Clerk was instructed to insert copy of minutes of this meeting in the minutes of next year's session of the association.

The association then adjourned to meet at Tiplersville on Wednesday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1922.

THOS. SPIGHT, Moderator,  
J. J. MCKINSTRY, Clerk.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Tippah County Baptist Association met in its first annual session with the Tiplersville church, Aug. 31, 1922. Bro. Thos. Spight, presiding.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Harvey Grey.

Letters from the churches were called for. Brethren S. N. Ayers and W. E. Clemmer were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following churches Academy, Chalybeate, Falkner, Fellowship, Harmony, Hunter's Chapel, Lebanon, Lowrey Memorial, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Olive, Mt. Moriah, Oakland, Providence, Palmer, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Tiplersville. On motion of Elder W. T. Lowrey, the regular order was suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation. Moderator, Thos. Spight, Clerk, J. J. McKinstry, Treasurer, J. P. Byrd.

The moderator announced the appointment of the following committees: Committee on Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, E. B. Hatcher, A. C. Anderson, W. E. Clemmer.

Committee on Reports, R. A. Kimbrough, S. N. Ayers, T. M. Bennett Adjourned to two o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation joined in singing: "I Love to Tell the Story." Elder R. A. Kimbrough led in prayer.

Elder E. B. Hatcher read the report of the committee on Constitution Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith. After making some changes in the Articles of Faith in order to express more clearly the Baptist position, the report was adopted.

R. A. Kimbrough reported for the committee on Reports. It was decided to follow the plan this year of making reports under three heads: Missions, Education, Social Service.

On motion of Elder W. T. Lowrey, a committee, consisting of the moderator, Elder E. B. Hatcher and Elder R. A. Kimbrough was appointed to prepare a plan of program for the next session of the association.

Harmony Church, near Walnut, was selected as the meeting place of the association in 1923. Time, last Wednesday in August. W. T. Lowrey was elected to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder Wilbanks, alternate.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit with us and Dr. J. D. Ray of S. W. Bap. Theological Seminary, and Bro. D. M. Nelson Educational Secretary of the State Board, were recognized.

Elder C. M. Wilbanks was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist

Convention and A. A. Graham was appointed to raise funds to defray his expenses. Brethren A. A. Graham and R. A. Kimbrough were elected corresponding messengers to the Benton County Association.

On motion, the clerk was asked to prepare a letter of greeting to the Benton County Association.

The moderator announced the appointment of the following committees: Missions, R. A. Kimbrough, Harvey Grey, P. S. McMillen, Mrs. L. L. Ray, Mrs. Ida Bobo. Education, W. T. Lowrey, T. L. Britt, W. E. Clemmer. Social Service, E. B. Hatcher, A. A. Graham, Joe Hopper.

The association then adjourned to meet Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met at ten o'clock, the moderator presiding. The congregation sang "Down at the Cross," and Bro. D. M. Nelson led in prayer.

Reports were called for and Elder R. A. Kimbrough read the report on Missions. It was discussed by R. A. Kimbrough, E. B. Hatcher, and W. H. Murley, and adopted.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS

#### 1. MISSIONS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

The churches which comprise this association have great responsibilities, as well as great possibilities, in considering the welfare of each other. No church can stand aloof from other churches and perform its whole mission. Churches of Jesus Christ are truly independent bodies but they are just as truly interdependent, both in behalf of their own welfare and in approaching and accomplishing the great kingdom enterprises. In view of the increasing opportunities and achievements of our denomination, it is all the more important that the churches of the association be strongly bound together, giving aid, strength and encouragement to each other in the midst of their problems, plans and undertakings.

(1) A new plan for conducting the sessions of the association has been adopted. Instead of making a separate report on each of the causes to be considered, it is proposed that there be three reports covering all the causes, designated as reports on Missions, Education and Social Service.

(2) We recommend to the association the endorsement of the

movement to encourage all of the churches to consider November as financial budget month, when each member will be solicited to give during the next calendar year systematically and proportionately, both to local church expenses and to the benevolent causes supported by the denomination.

(4) We also recommend that the association give its endorsement and active co-operation to the movement to encourage all of the churches to have each year a Bible Institute.

## 2. MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

The Mission work within the state has made good progress during the year. While the financial conditions have not been as good as last year, yet the pastors and churches and all the working forces of the denomination in the state have rendered splendid service, and the various causes have made great strides forward.

### 1. THE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

(1) We call special attention to the Re-enforcement Campaign which will be put on in all of the associations this fall, when an effort will be made (a) to enlist all members who did not subscribe to the 75 Million Campaign at the beginning and all new members who have since come into our church; (b) to collect all pledges due and to solicit cash contributions from all who have made no pledges; and (c) to enroll as many tithers as possible in all of our churches.

(2) We present the following facts concerning the progress of the 75 Million Campaign up to May 1st, 1922. Amount pledged by Mississippi, \$4,209,585. Amount paid first year, \$862,196, second year, \$535,273, third year, \$427,182.58, total \$1,823,651.58. Amount paid by all of the South, \$35,164,309.77.

We would urge that contributions to this fund be made regularly by all of the churches and that the treasurers forward the amounts monthly to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson.

### 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Brother J. E. Byrd, our Sunday School Secretary, sends out the following message to the associations concerning the Sunday School Work in the state for the year:

"The Sunday School workers have visited one hundred and sixty-six churches. Have delivered one thousand and twelve diplomas. Have delivered a sum total of three thousand four hundred sixty awards.



Have conducted or aided in thirteen city training schools. Have held forty-six rural schools. Have given two weeks' work each to the negroes at Jackson College and Natchez College. There have been fifteen additions to the churches by letter, forty-five additions by baptism and twenty-six other professions of faith."

Brother Byrd makes the following recommendations:

(1) That we give special attention to extension work in the association, and that the executive Board of the association be instructed to make an effort to organize a Sunday School in every church.

(2) That special emphasis be put on class organization. Through class organization we can enlist the church membership in Bible study.

(3) That great emphasis be put on teacher training work. The need of the hour is trained workers. We insist that every church needs its season of training just as it now has its season of revival.

(4) That we give large place in all of our Sunday Schools to our denominational work, which includes all of the causes supported by the 75 Million Campaign.

(5) That our special days be emphasized in all of the Sunday Schools on account of their educational values.

We urge upon our members the very great importance of Sunday School attendance and activities.

### 3 B. Y. P. U. WORK

The Baptist Young People's Union has seen marvelous growth during the year. Secretary Auber J. Wilds sends a splendid report from which these facts are taken:

Last year 500 unions were reported. One hundred have been added in the year, making 600 unions now in the State. Twenty of these are one hundred per cent in daily Bible reading. Thirty-six unions report every member giving systematically and regularly to the church and to the causes fostered by the church. Last year thirty-five unions reported A-1 standard, and this year forty other unions join them, making seventy-five A-1 unions in the state. Three thousand diplomas and seals have been awarded to those who stand successful examinations on B. Y. P. U. books. There are fifteen unions in our colleges, one in Clarke, three in Blue Mountain, four in Mississippi College and seven in the Woman's College.

Four banners were awarded at the state convention at Meridian to unions making highest grades along certain prescribed lines. The Senior Banner went to the Baptist Orphanage Senior Unions, the Junior Banner to the First Laurel Juniors, the "Other Work" Banner to the Columbia Intermediates, and the College Banner to the Wo-

man's College. An Intermediate Banner will be given next year, and also a banner to the church reporting the highest percentage based on the "Nine Points of Efficiency" recently published.

There is now literature published by the Sunday School Board for three grades in B. Y. P. U. work, instead of two grades as heretofore. Now we have Juniors 9-12, Intermediates 13-16, and Seniors from 17 up. It is recommended that each church shall have a B. Y. P. U., Director who shall have supervision over the entire B. Y. P. U., work of the church, after the same manner as we now have a superintendent of the Sunday School.

#### 4 W. M. U. WORK

No phase of our work has made more substantial progress than the work of the Woman's Missionary Union under the direction of Miss M. M. Lackey, Corresponding Secretary. The following report is submitted:

Three regular workers are in the field and four special workers. These workers have attended fifty-six associations, and have held twenty-seven associational institutes. Six district meetings have been held. The Woman's Missionary Union work has been conducted at two summer assemblies. One State W. M. U. Convention has been held. Year ending with last April our women have reported 4967 study classes. We count Mission study as the key to progress.

#### 5 LAYMEN'S WORK

(1) That our laymen take a large part in the Reenforcement Campaign that is to be put on this fall for enlisting all the enlisted churches and church members in support of the objects fostered by the 75 Million Campaign. This will be done in every association under direction of the Associational Publicity Director who will plan to use every capable layman for a general speaking campaign among the churches.

(2) That our laymen push to completion the enlisting of thirty thousand tithers in Mississippi. A great number were brought to see their duty in this regard during the past year, but many yet are not giving as God has prospered them.

(3) That individual layman study the subject of stewardship, and that classes in stewardship be taught, using such books as "The Deacon's Daughter," by McConnell, "Stewardship and Missions," by Cook, "Studies in Stewardship," by Leavell, and "Trusteeship," by Stephenson.

## 6 ENLISTMENT WORK

Inasmuch as the term "enlistment" does not in our judgment properly represent the work which is being undertaken, we propose to use the phrase "Baptist Church Efficiency" in its stead. We believe that this phrase does represent the work properly, and, when understood, will be acceptable to all. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has added in recent years a new chair to its course of study known as the "Chair of Church Efficiency."

The word "efficiency" means the doing of anything well. The real meaning of this work is that we are endeavoring to learn to be good servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.—"Vessels unto honor, sanctified, meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work." When one is born of the Holy Spirit, there is a yearning in the heart to be of Christian service. What that one needs is not enlistment but teaching and training in the things he already longs to do. We must as churches catch a new and larger vision of the meaning of the third injunction of the great commission of our Lord. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The way to accomplish this task is to encourage the Baptist people to locate their churches at strategic centers of population; to build houses of worship equipped for doing well the work of the churches; to secure and support efficient pastors; to organize and train the deacons and other laymen for doing their work effectively; to provide Bible Schools with officers and teachers organized and trained for teaching well the word of God, and the entire membership of the churches engaged in the study of it; to properly organize the women in unions for teaching and training the young people; to evangelize the unsaved; to provide annual Bible institutes in all the churches for teaching and training the entire membership; to read our Baptist periodicals that they may be informed regarding the great kingdom enterprises and the field white unto the harvest; to give systematically and proportionately considering the tithe as the minimum; to attend regularly the services of the churches, to live righteously; to pray continually; to render such service as each is capable of rendering; to join heartily with fellow Baptists in the co-operative work of Missions, Education, and Social Service; and to adhere steadfastly in all things to the word of God as the rule of faith and practice.

## 7 PUBLICATIONS

### (1) Baptist Periodicals.

The Baptist Record now has a circulation of about 10,500. The re-

sponsibilities of the paper have increased as the denominational interests have multiplied until now the Record fills a very large place in the ongoing of the work. It has steadily improved for the past few years until it now ranks second to none in the South. Other improvements are anticipated in the near future. Our great task is to see that the cost is placed in the local expense budget of all the churches and the paper sent to every Baptist home. Many churches have adopted this plan. We should put into all our Baptist homes the Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service and the Orphanage Gem.

**(2) The Baptist Printing Press.**

The Baptist Printing Press is now ready to do printing for all of our Baptist interests. The Baptist Record is now being printed on our own press. The printing plant complete has been put in and paid for at a cost of nearly \$20,000. It is an up-to-date plant every particular, and deserves the hearty patronage and support of our people.

**(3) The Baptist Book Store.**

The Baptist Book Store is carrying a complete line of Bibles, song books, Theological works, and other books of general interest. The net sales up to the present time for this year have been \$17,900, which is \$1,500 more than for the same period last year. We would urge our people to patronize our own book store.

**(4) Tract Department.**

A splendid assortment of tracts on all phases of our work can be had by writing to Dr. R. B. Gunter. There are tracts on tithing, stewardship, evangelism, doctrines of our faith, denominational plans, and on all phases of mission work.

## **8 CHURCH EXTENSION**

This is one of the most important phases of work which our Baptist State Convention Board is doing. This means the aiding of churches in places and under conditions where the churches are unable themselves financially to reach their needs. Many of the churches which are now our strongest support in financial matters were at one time aided by this fund.

There are now one hundred and fifty-five pastors in the state whose salaries are being supplemented by the State Board. The amount appropriated for this purpose for the year was \$20,000. The Board has aided eighteen churches in the construction of houses of worship during the year, and the appropriation for this cause was \$18,000.



### III MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

#### 1 HOME MISSIONS

The work which the Home Mission Board is doing consists of Co-operative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Cuba and Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium and Church Extension.

The departments of Enlistment and Evangelism have recently been placed under the same superintendent, Dr. O. E. Bryan, and the work of the two departments has been more closely co-ordinated.

The work of the Home Board was very greatly enlarged at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign, and because of a very heavy decrease in cash receipts during the past year, a heavy indebtedness has been incurred.

There were last year a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions under direction of the Home Board. These workers delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 56,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 305 churches, built and improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools, distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

#### 2 FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists are now working in sixteen countries of the world comprising a population of nine hundred millions, a population twenty five times as large as the population in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The countries in which we now labor are China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, the Ukraine, that portion of Southern Russia lying east of the Ukraine, Syria and Palestine.

The Foreign Board has expended seven thousand dollars during the year for distribution of Bibles in Russia. In Syria and Palestine two native missionaries have been doing faithful work, and the Board at its meeting in May appointed two young men for this field. They with their wives will soon go to Palestine for the purpose of laying the foundation of a wide work in the Holy Land.

There are now 622 churches in the foreign fields with a membership of 64,251. There are 206 of these churches which are self-supporting and 375 of them own their own houses of worship. They gave an average of \$7.24 per member last year. There are 694 schools with 26,507 students. There are 971 Sunday Schools with 53,681 scholars.

There were 7,891 baptisms during the year, being almost one thousand and more than the year before. Contributions to Foreign Missions were sadly reduced last year. The year before Southern Baptists gave \$2,498,381 and last year they gave only \$1,755,678, making a drop in receipts of \$742,703.

This is our solemn obligation—to maintain and advance what we have so nobly begun. Unparalleled opportunities face a people with unmatched doctrines and resources. What shall we do? Go backward? Or, go forward? Forward.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman,  
MRS. L. L. RAY.

The report on Education was read by Elder W. T. Lowrey, ably discussed by himself, D. M. Nelson and Thos. Spight and then adopted. Dr. Nelson made a strong and eloquent plea for the support of our denominational colleges and for Christian teachers in our public schools. Among the striking statements made by the speaker was this one: "The school teachers of Germany were responsible for the world war."

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

Southern Baptists have three great Theological Schools.

1st. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. This is a long established and world famous institution, with an enrollment of about 400 young ministers.

In the same city and closely affiliated with the S. B. T. Seminary is the Woman's Mission Training School, which is doing a great work in training young ladies for Christian work in Mission fields and at home.

2nd. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas. This is a comparatively new but a great and flourishing institution. It runs a training school for women in connection with its other work. It has grown rapidly and is now practically the same in equipment and attendance as the S. B. T. Seminary at Louisville.

3rd. The Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, Louisiana. This is a new institution but is doing a wonderful work. It has secured magnificent equipments and a large attendance of students in its few years of existence. It is meant for the training not only of ministers, but also of workers in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and all forms of mission work; also for the training of Evangelistic singers. Mississippi Baptists own and control four colleges.

1st. Mississippi College at Clinton, an old well established, well equipped institution for men which is making rapid progress. It has

an enrollment from three to four hundred young men per session, about one fourth of them being students for the ministry.

2nd. Mississippi Baptist Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., an institution which came into the hands of our Baptist Convention eleven years ago and has made great progress in those few years; it now has an enrollment of more than four hundred students per annum and is growing rapidly in equipment and students.

3rd. Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Mississippi, which opens its 50th annual session September 12, 1922, but which has been owned and managed by the Baptist Denomination for only two years. It has students scattered through almost all the states of the Union and almost every neighborhood of Mississippi. It has furnished about three fourths of the Baptist women who have gone from Mississippi to Foreign Mission fields. It bids fair to grow much more rapidly in equipment and efficiency under the ownership of the denomination than it did under private ownership.

4th. Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Mississippi, a Junior College for boys and girls. This institution was established about fourteen years ago by the General Association of Southeast Mississippi, but ten years ago, it was transferred to the ownership of the Baptist State Convention. It has had a hard struggle but is doing a good work and its friends hope to see it become one of the most influential institutions in the state.

Hillman College at Clinton, Mississippi, is still under the private management of Lowrey and Berry but is affiliated with the Baptist Denomination. It is located in the same town with Mississippi College and is a great help to the educational interests of that famous educational center and that section of the state.

It goes without saying that Baptists ought to be interested in their own educational institutions. Mississippi Baptists ought to be willing to make genuine sacrifices in order to make their institutions equal in every respect to our state colleges. Every Baptist should become an agent for the Baptist institutions of the state.

There is no such thing as Christian or Baptist Mathematics, Latin, or Science, but these things studied and learned under the instruction of intelligent, zealous Christian teachers will have an added value in their influence upon the world; if those teachers are intelligent Baptists as well as Christians the result will be enlarged influence, for the people called Baptists and the principles for which they stand.

It also goes without saying that all Baptists should stand for general education. Intelligence is an advantage; intelligent men and women can be worth more to the world than ignorant men and women, if their intelligence is guided by true hearts. Ability to think is an

advantage if the thinker is a true man or woman. Every Baptist should take an active interest in the schools of his community, county and state, and should be untiring in his efforts to give his own children a proper education.

The territory of the Tippah Association needs more schools and better schools. Increasing number of our boys and girls should be sent not only through high school but through college. "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Let it be understood everywhere that Baptists stand for religion and intelligence.

Many Baptist people have a wrong attitude toward our higher educational institutions of learning which belong to the state. Our State University, our Agricultural Mechanical College, our State College for Women and our State Normal College are all great institutions. They are educating splendid boys and girls by the thousands. We should not complain at the taxes required to support them properly and they should have our interest and sympathy. They have their place of usefulness and are worth all that they cost us. They cannot teach religion as effectively as denominational colleges, in fact they must steer clear of much that is of great importance in the training of our boys and girls. They cannot, especially with their large numbers, guarantee the moral protection and development that are essential to true education; still they have their place and we should help to make them as safe and as useful as possible. Loyalty to our own institutions does not mean enmity to our state institutions; on the other hand we should be friendly toward them and do what we can to make them all that they ought to be.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. LOWREY, Chairman.

The association adjourned for one hour and Dr. Lowrey led the prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After singing by the congregation and prayer led by Elder E. B. Hatcher the call for reports was resumed.

The report on Social Service was read by E. B. Hatcher, spoken to by Brethren Hatcher, Kimbrough and Lowrey. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Social service means good neighborship. It looks out upon the com-



munity as a whole in its physical civil and moral relationship and seeks to meet the community needs and to improve community conditions.

The personal ministry of Jesus was three fold preaching, teaching and healing; yet it was one ministry. We are told that "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and helping all manner of sickness, and all manner disease among the people."

In order that we may fully consider each phase of this threefold ministry, we have outlined our work in Mississippi under three heads, Missions, Education and Social Service.

Under the head of Social Service fall all agencies that seek to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease, and everything that concerns Society as a whole.

We as Christian Citizens are to deal with these problems; (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good will centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

(1) That our Association consider the ministry of Social Services as co-equal with Missions and Education.

(3) That our own social service institutions, the orphanage at Jackson, the hospitals at Jackson and Memphis, the Good Will Center at Meridian and the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuity of Dallas, Texas, be given a higher place in the interest, prayers and co-operation of our people. Let the reports from these institutions as given below be carefully considered and let their requests and suggestions be heeded by our people.

(4) That our people be urged to give sympathetic interest and co-operation to such existing agencies as the State Board of Health, the Anti-Saloon League, the Federal Prohibition officials and the Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, in the great work they are undertaking to accomplish in our midst.

(5) That our churches be asked to address themselves in heroic fashion to the social needs in their own communities. If a community is dirty and sloven, with disease lurking at every turn, with immorality and crime winked at or permitted, it is impossible in that atmosphere to develop pure, noble, Christlike lives. Down at the root of our dangers lies the drink evil. Let every community purge itself of every form of this deadly, soul destroying traffic.

## II STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

### 1 Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Supt.

The Baptist Orphanage which was established twenty-five years ago has cared for more than one thousand children, many of whom are now filling positions of usefulness in our state and other states. We have now in the home one hundred and eighty children, all of whom are in good health, and are being trained in many of the arts and avocations preparatory to a useful life; special attention being given to their mental, moral and religious training.

We would (also) urge that our people continue their donations of clothing, dry goods, groceries, and supplies of all kinds which help very materially in their support.

### 2 Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Supt.

In 1921 the present magnificent building was completed giving us about seventy-five beds, and with three side closed porches and two on the front at least fifty more patients could be cared for in an emergency.

The Hospital has an up-to-date X-ray outfit, a well equipped Laboratory and a complete Maternity Department, which would do credit to a large city hospital.

We have one of the best Nurses Training Schools in the state, with twenty-two student nurses now in training. Young ladies from nineteen to thirty years of age with high school education and of good moral character are invited to write us if they desire to train for a splendid profession which affords a large field of service.

The hospital is under obligation to the W. M. Us., and other church and Sunday School organizations for the splendid boxes of useful linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., sent us in the past and it is hoped that this will continue.

The Hospital is doing a large amount of charity work; but we must ask our friends to always communicate with the Superintendent before sending charity patients as the number of charity patients cared for must necessarily be in proportion to the pay patients in the hospital.

### 3 Baptist Memorial Hospital, W. R. Bethea, Supt.

Patients admitted out number any previous six months, reaching a total of 4,168. Tennessee sent 2,747 of these, Mississippi 778, Arkansas 517, and other states 125. There were 512 treated free in the wards, 330 coming from Tennessee, 74 from Mississippi, 75 from Arkansas and 33 from other states.

Financially the hospital has made large increase in receipts, as well as in service rendered. The six months business amounted to \$329,-

621.38. Of this \$35,089.36 was in charity, \$4,800.37 complimentary service for pastors, \$989.85 doctors' discounts, and \$1,438.27 in other discounts and allowances.

**4 Good Will Center, Willie Mae McLellan, Supt.**

One of the active exponents of Social Service in the state is the Good Will Center located at Meridian.

This "Center" is centrally located in a District surrounded by mill and factory people. Commodious and comfortable class rooms are open all day and far into the evening for clubs of every helpful variety: Mothers Clubs, Young Womens Clubs, Young Men's Clubs, Clubs for boys and girls and even for little children are well organized and definite plans for teaching are systematically carried out. A day nursery provides for little children of mothers who must work throughout the day. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are never neglected. All phases of religious work are looked after.

### III SOUTH WIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

**1 The Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec'y.**

It has invested assets today of \$419,027.25 in the Relief Department and \$730,061.27 in the Annuity Department, making a total assets of \$1,149,088.52.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month.

E. B. HATCHER,

J. O. HOPPER.

### REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

On motion of Elder R. A. Kimbrough, Elder E. B. Hatcher was appointed chairman of a Social Service Committee for the county to serve for one year.

Under the new constitution, each church is to have one member on the Executive Board, this member to be nominated by the church and elected by the Association. On motion, each church was requested to nominate said member at once and the Association elected for the ensuing year the nominees of the church.

A resolution of thanks to the people of Tiplersville for the splendid manner in which they had entertained the delegates was adopted by a rising vote, the roll of delegates was called, and the association adjourned to meet with Harmony Baptist Church on the last Wednesday in August, 1923.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF  
TIPPAH COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
TIPPAH COUNTY, MISS.

No. Churches in county.....	22
No Churches reporting.....	20
No. Members reported .....	3090
Number baptisms .....	157
Number enrolled in S. S. ....	1524
No. Sunday Schools reported .....	14
No. B Y P U's reported .....	2
No. W M U's reported .....	3
Total gifts for local purposes .....	\$8731.33
Total gifts for 75 Million Fund .....	6947.77
Total gifts for all purposes .....	15679.10
Average per member .....	5.07
Value of church property reported (17 churches) .....	\$110,500
No. Subscribers to Baptist Record .....	143

### CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah County Baptist Association.

Article 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union, The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Article 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment and also showing the number baptized, received by letter dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year with the whole number in fellowship.

Article 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members and then one for every fifty over that number.

Article 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered dropped by the Association.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

Article 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall



infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, or that they drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for home and foreign missions or for any cause fostered by this Association. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Article 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Article 11. When the churches of this union have members which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such members to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Article 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Association of the same faith and order.

Article 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Article 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board composed of one member from each church holding membership in the Association, the members to be chosen from nominees selected by the various churches, the committee on nominations naming the member from any church failing to suggest a name, the officers of the association and the pastors of all churches belonging to the association, when not actual members of the executive board, to be recognized as advisory members, without voting power.

Article 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting if a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

#### ABSTRACT OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.
2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.
4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which is with them that believe.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God

in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church—the elder, or pastor, and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions. That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before his ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the Gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty and the exalted privilege of the believer to extend the Master's kingdom by prayer, by personal effort and by the giving of money to the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in the future and final judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made the same day but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall call a vote and if a call for a division is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church, without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made by these rules, when a majority may deem necessary.

### STATISTICAL REPORT.

**Academy**—Delegates, W H. McElroy, T. J. Barkley, T. Clark J T Lee Pastor Rev. S V Gullett; Clerk J E Ratliff, Cotton Plant, Miss. Increase: By baptism 5 by letter 4. Decrease by death 2. Members 18. Local expenses, \$220.50. Organized 1842. Value of property \$900.00

**Chalybeate**—Delegate T M Bennett, W T Crump D. Barger, Harvey Gray Mr and Mrs. D B Bobo: Pastor Harvey Gray; Clerk D. Barger, Chalybeate: S S Supt W E Clemmer: Increase, baptism 12; letter 8; Decrease letter 5, death 4. Members 236; Local expenses \$791.00; Baptist Records 40; Organized 1843: Value church property \$9500.

**Concord**—No delegates present Pastor J H Crawford; clerk R P Smith, Booneville, Miss. Rt 2; Sunday School Supt. R P. Smith. Increase by baptism 19 by letter 3. Decrease—by letter 3. Present membership 81. Local expenses \$102.50, other causes \$26.75. Number in Sunday School 50. Value of church property \$300.00.

**Falkner**—Delegates, P S McMillin, Mrs. McMillin; Pastor. Rev. H. L. Whitten, clerk G Watts Falkner; S. S Supt. P S. McMillin; Increase by baptism 1. Decrease by letter 8; members 227; paid for local expenses \$250.00. Number in S S 50; value of church property \$500.00.

**Dumas**—Not represented.

**Fellowship**—Delegates, J. W Medlin; Pastor G W Wages, Clerk A. L. Garrison, Ripley, Miss. S S Supt. D W Bullock: Increase by letter 2 Decrease by death 5: Members 140: Paid for local expenses \$294.92: Organized 1840: Value church property \$1000.00.

**Harmony**—Delegates, H I Rowland, R. L. Pulliam, J H. Frederick C. B Brown Edd-Frederick M.s. Avie Luna: Pastor S V Gullett: Clerk J. N Wilbanks, Walnut, Miss. Increase by baptism 19, letter 10 restoration 1: Decrease by letter 2, by death 1: Members 217: Local expenses \$582.63, other causes \$170.00. In S S 167: Organized 1867, value church property \$2000.00.

**Hunters Chapel**—Delegates, J J Ford W A Lindsey, W C Cagle; Pastor J. H Needham: Clerk D N Huddleston, Ripley, Miss. Increase by baptism 9: Members 39: Local expenses \$31.25: organized 1916.

**Lebanon**—Delegates, G H Yates, J H Montgomery, W I Going: Pas-



to J H Gadd; Clerk C P Davis Ripley Miss. Increase by baptism 3: Members 49; Local expenses \$50.65; Value church property \$400.00.

**Lowrey Memorial**—Delegates Dr E B Hatcher, Dr Kimbrough Dr. W T Lowrey, A A Graham, Mrs. L L Ray J J McKinstry: Pastor Dr E B Hatcher: Clerk A. M Donnell, Blue Mountain, Miss. S S Supt. A A Graham; Increase 26 by baptism, 46 by letter: Decrease by letter 57, Death 3, excluded 1: Membership 740: Local expenses \$4127.96: Other causes \$3559.07: In S S 365; Organized 1879: Value church property \$23,000.00.

**Mt. Olive**—Delegates, A. S Carmichael, J W Cook: Pastor J H. Crawford; Clerk W L Scott Ripley, Miss. Rt 2: S S Supt. J W Cook: Increase, baptism 12, letter 1, restoration 2: Decrease death 2. Members 103; Local expenses \$146.49: Other causes \$22.36: In S S 90: Value church property \$800.00.

**Mt. Hebron**—Delegates, J M Mohundro, Frank Brown, Yancy Keith Pastor J L Courson: Clerk J M Mohundro Walnut, S S Supt. Frank Brown: Decrease by letter 3, death 1, exclusion 2: Members 116: Local expenses \$181.90. Other causes .50: in S S 59, Organized 1803: Value church property \$400.00.

**Mt. Moriah**—Delegates Wayman Covington, John Drewrey: Clerk, M R Stark, Ripley Rt 6, S S Supt Mrs. Lee Smith: Increase, baptism, 5 letter 1: Decrease by letter 5, exclusion 3: Members 119: Local expenses \$150.00 Other causes \$v5.50; In S S 85; Organized 1873; Value church property \$1000.00.

**Oakland**—Delegates, J V Keith, J G Campbell: Pastor J L Courson, Clerk J G Campbell Saulsbury, Tenn S S Supt. J V Keith: Increase, baptism 11, letter 1: Decrease excluded 2: Members 85: Local expenses \$140.58: In S S 68: Organized 1913: Value property \$500.00.

**Palmer**—Delegates, Johnie Booker, Jim Martin, Mr. Reave, Pastor J G Wages; Clerk Jim Martin, Ripley, Miss. Increase baptism 12; Decrease letter 1, death 1: Members 129: Local expenses, \$100.50, other causes \$28.00: Organized 1921: Value property \$3000.00.

**Pine Grove**—Not represented.

**Pleasant Hill**—Delegates G A Smith: W Allen P L Duncan: Pastor E J Eubanks: Clerk M F Duncan, Ripley Miss. Decrease by death 3: letter 1: Members 67; Local expenses \$101.00; Organized 1908; Value property \$1000.

**Providence**—Delegates J D McCoy, Clyde Hopper: Pastor Harvey Gray: Clerk Bob Ray, Tiplersville Miss. S S Supt. J S Horton: Increase by baptism 9: Decrease letter 5, death 2 Members 188: Local expenses \$499.92; Other causes \$229.85: In S S 193: Value church property \$1000.00.

**Pleasant Ridge**—Delegates, A. L. Richardson, Ira Richardson: Pastor J H Gadd: Clerk L L Richardson Ripley, Supt. A. L. Richardson: Increase by baptism 8: Decrease by death 1: Members 24: Local expenses \$13.50: In S S 53: Organized 1921.

**Ripley**—Delegate A C Anderson, Orbrey Street, Hon Tho Spight: Mrs J W Street, Mrs. Orbrey Street. Pastor Harvey Gray, Clerk J R Rucker Ripley, Miss: S S Supt A C Anderson: Increase by baptism 5, letter 2: Decrease letter 7: Members 174: Local expenses \$748.00 other causes \$786.14: In Sunday School 140: Value church prop. \$10,000.00

**Shady Grove**—Delegates, W W Harrell, Tom Pearce Clerk W W Harrell Ripley S S Supt W C Hobson: Increase by letter 1: Decrease by



letter 8: Members 160: In S S 69; Organized 1870: Value church property \$500.00.

Tiplersville: J C Appleton Joe Hopper, C L Balch: Pastor H L Whitten: Clerk O T Horton, Tiplersville: S S Supt. W F Harrison: Increase, baptism 6 letter 6: Decrease letter 1; death 1; Members 100; Local expenses \$200.00, other causes \$30.00: Organized 1912: Value church property \$2000.00.

### ORDAINED PREACHERS

L. F. Carmichael	Ripley, Miss.
P W Caviness	Falkner, Miss.
J. H. Crawford	Booneville, Miss.
H. L. Davis	Ripley, Miss.
E. J. Eubanks	Chalybeate, Miss.
Harvey Gray	Ripley, Miss.
S. V. Gullett	Blue Mountain, Miss.
E B Hatcher	Blue Mountain, Miss.
R. A. Kimbrough	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. T. Lowrey	Blue Mountain, Miss.
T. T. Martin	Blue Mountain, Miss.
E. A. Petroff	Blue Mountain, Miss.
P. T. Wilbanks	Walnut, Miss.

